

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all previous versions, and listings, of claims in the present application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-8 (Canceled).

9. (Currently Amended) A control unit in a vehicle, comprising:

a converter having an electrical isolation from a main electrical system, wherein the converter is configured for supplying power to at least one component;

at least one coupling element having an electrical isolation from the main electrical system, wherein the coupling element is configured to be ~~and~~ connectable to the at least one component, the coupling element being used for data transmission; and

a ground connection assigned to the at least one component.

10. (Previously Presented) The control unit as recited in claim 9, wherein the converter includes a transformer for electrical isolation, a DC/AC voltage converter being provided on a primary side, and a rectifier being provided on a secondary side.

11. (Previously Presented) The control unit as recited in claim 10, wherein the DC/AC voltage converter includes an oscillator.

12. (Previously Presented) The control unit as recited in claim 10, wherein the DC/AC voltage converter includes a chopper.

13. (Previously Presented) The control unit as recited in claim 9, wherein the at least one coupling element is an optocoupler.

14. (Previously Presented) The control unit as recited in claim 9, wherein the converter is connected to at least one energy store which runs the converter in case a power supply is disconnected.

15. (Previously Presented) The control unit as recited in claim 9, wherein the at least one component is an ignition circuit control for a restraint device.

16. (Previously Presented) The control unit as recited in claim 9, wherein the at least one component is electronics of the control unit.